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November 20, 2002

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A; Barnes Creek  
Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Samedan Oil Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A (previously denominated Reservoir B in the October 21, 2002 pre-application notice); Barnes Creek Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A designated as the 10400 RA SUB, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the Reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A.

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The 10,400' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Barnes Creek Field, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1228-E, effective October 15, 2002.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

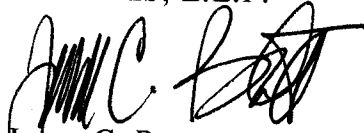
The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on November 13, 2002. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by the undersigned and turned over to Travis Helms, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal. Potential counterplans were presented by representatives of Temple Inland, Drew Manuel School and Quatre Parish/Bel Estate. After further questions and answers, the conference was adjourned.

Since the conclusion of the conference, the parties have been able to resolve their differences, resulting in the revised proposal attached hereto. Accordingly, no opposition is expected at the hearing. Should any party wish to confer about the revised proposal, please contact the undersigned and a pre-hearing conference will be scheduled. The revised unit proposal adjoins the 10400 RA SUA recently established by Office of Conservation Order No. 1228-E, effective October 15, 2002, and we have revised the unit nomenclature accordingly.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 10400 RA SUB, in the Barnes Creek Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL  
& BATES, L.L.P.



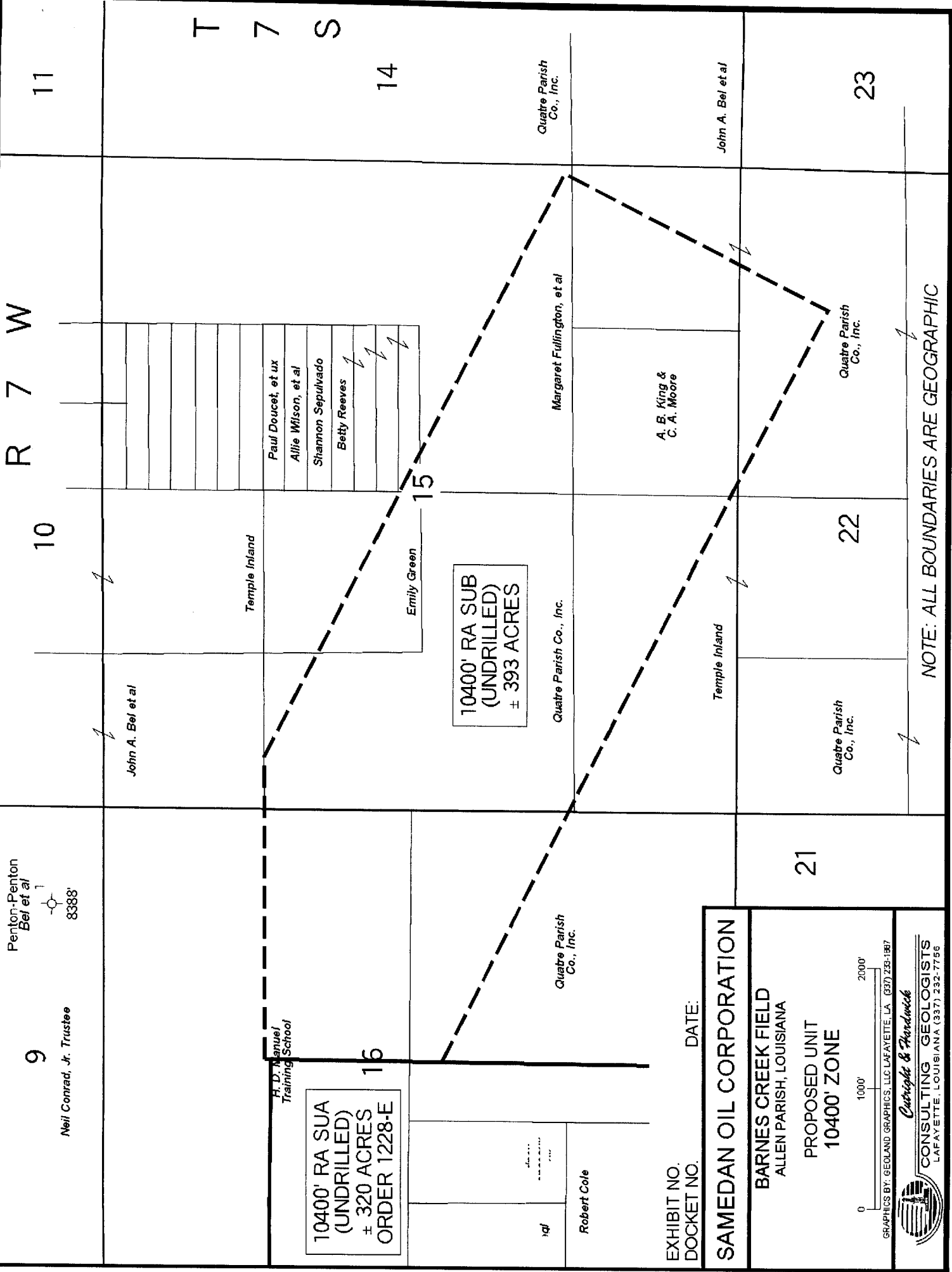
James C. Bates

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties



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Neil Conrad, Jr. Trustee

Penton-Penton  
Bel et al  
83388'

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R 7 W

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T 7 S

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10400' RA SUA  
(UNDRILLED)  
± 320 ACRES  
ORDER 1228-E

10400' RA SUB  
(UNDRILLED)  
± 393 ACRES

Quatre Parish  
Co., Inc.

Quatre Parish Co., Inc.

Margaret Fullington, et al

Quatre Parish  
Co., Inc.

SAMEDAN OIL CORPORATION

BARNES CREEK FIELD  
ALLEN PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
10400' ZONE

EXHIBIT NO.  
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

0 1000' 2000'

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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC